GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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LONG TERM GRAIN EXPORT POLICY
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for long term grain export policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any meeting with exporters has been held in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Union Government thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a),(b),(c),(d)&(e): The decision on export of foodgrains on Government Account is taken after constantly reviewing the stock position of foodgrains in the Central Pool vis-â€¦-vis the prescribed buffer norms, production of foodgrains in the country, trend for procurement for Central Pool, requirement for Public Distribution System (PDS) and other welfare schemes, Open Market sales Scheme etc. A meeting was held with exporters on 12.02.2002 in the Department of Food & Public Distribution to discuss various matters connected with export of wheat and rice from the Central Pool. Pursuant to the meeting, the following important decisions have been inter-alia taken:-

1. the offer price for export of wheat and rice will be fixed for a period of 3 months and such prices would be announced by the Government 45 days in advance;

2. the minimum quantity of rice to be lifted by an exporter has been reduced to 2,000 MTs from the earlier level of 5,000 MTs.